



All Ontario First Nations Chiefs and Councils, Tribal Councils,
and Aboriginal Regional Organizations

Your file - Votre référence 45031

Our file - Notre référence #1003100

Dear Sir/Madam:

**Re: 2017-2018 Lands and Economic Development Services Program
Targeted (LEDSPT) & Community Opportunity Readiness Program (CORP)
Application Dates**

Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) Ontario Region is pleased to present this call for proposals for both the Lands and Economic Development Services Program Targeted (LEDSPT) and the Community Opportunity Readiness Program (CORP) for 2017-2018.

These programs are available to support lands and environmental management and economic development services and initiatives in Indigenous communities across Ontario. For further information on our programs and services, please see the attached.

For 2017-2018, proposals will be received during the following timeframe(s):

<u>Application Dates</u>	<u>Review/Approval Dates</u>
March 20 - April 28, 2017	May 1, 2017 – June 30, 2017

Completed applications must be received before 4:30 pm EST on April 28, 2017 to be processed and considered during this application period.

Applications not approved in a previous review may be resubmitted. You are encouraged to provide your application as soon as possible to allow departmental officials the opportunity to initially review your application and confirm that it is complete, to ensure it can be considered during this review period.

Please note that expenses incurred prior to written approval are not eligible. Applicants are encouraged to maximize funding from other sources prior to or simultaneously with this application process.

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The official application form for both programs can be found at the following web link: <http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1406217390783/1406217434540>. A copy is also attached.

The initial 2017-2018 Ontario Region budget for the Lands and Economic Development Services Program Targeted (LEDSPT) is approximately \$1.6M. For the Community Opportunity Readiness Program (CORP), Ontario Region's initial budget is approximately \$3.5M.

You are encouraged to contact your assigned Lands, Additions to Reserve, Environment or Economic Development Officer within the Department to discuss your project before completing the application. The list of Officers is attached.

To submit your proposal, please email a completed and signed LEDSPT/CORP application form to LEDOntario@aadnc-aadnc.gc.ca. We will acknowledge your application within five (5) days of submission. Your application will be acknowledged by email and will be reviewed for completeness within 20 business days.

Priorities and targets are in place as a guideline and are intended to ensure that program funding is utilized in the most effective way possible and applications will be assessed on how well they align with the programs' priorities and targets.

Considerations/targets for both the Lands and Economic Development Program Targeted and the Community Opportunity Readiness Program are:

- ✓ Geographic distribution of resources across Ontario.
- ✓ Increased applicants who have not accessed INAC lands, environment and economic development funding in the past three years.
- ✓ Activities that support a community's ability to capitalize on a major economic venture.
- ✓ Projects with maximized funding leveraged from other sources.

For the Lands and Economic Development Services Program – Targeted, the priority for 2017-2018 is:

- ✓ Projects that develop or enhance community capacity to provide Lands Management and Economic Development Services
- ✓ Development or revision of land-use plans, environmental waste management plans, or community economic development plans.

The LEDSPT Program Guidelines can be found at the following web link:
<https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033426/1100100033427>

For the Community Opportunity Readiness Program, priorities include:

- ✓ Initiatives with the highest return on investment.
- ✓ Initiatives that support partnership development.
- ✓ Initiatives requiring community economic infrastructure.
- ✓ Initiatives that support community business planning and/or resource development.

The CORP Program Guidelines can be found at the following web link:
<https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100033417/1100100033418>

Letters communicating a decision for your application will be sent no later than ninety (90) days following the end of the application period.

Should you have any questions please refer to the list of front-line Officers attached for your community. We look forward to another successful year supporting Ontario's Indigenous communities.

Sincerely,



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Attach.

cc. Economic Development Officers, Band Managers, Lands Managers,
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